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**THE GOLD CHESTNUT NURSERY**  
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#### **CHESTNUTS TUMBLING TO THE GROUND AFTER A HARD FROST ARE AGAIN A REALITY**

For those who long for the Chestnuts of their childhood days, the Chinese Blight-Resistant Chestnut tree is the answer. Luckily, these trees are able to resist the blight which killed our native Chestnut trees. Chinese Chestnut trees start bearing when very young and keep increasing their yield for years to come. Maybe you have never had the experience of sitting on a Chestnut bur when gathering them; but even so, the thrill of eating Chestnuts roasted over the open fire or on the stove is something to be looked forward to. Chinese Chestnuts when boiled or roasted are delicious beyond description.



**ARTHUR A. GOLD**  
**Nurseryman**

## \* Quality Trees

All of our Chinese Chestnut trees are grown from seed gathered from trees known to be pure *Castanea mollissima*, and so located that the pollen from other Chestnut trees cannot mix with them.

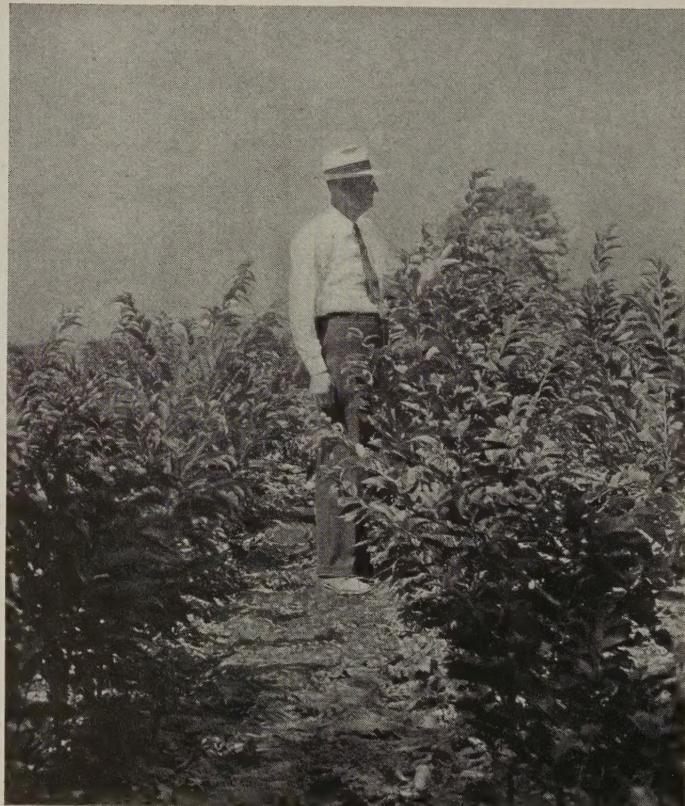
## \* Hardiness

Our nursery is located in the mountains, at 2500 feet altitude. Our winters are long and cold, with much snow and ice, yet our trees perform well. Note the four-year-old tree and its blossoms, after withstanding 22 degrees below zero.

## \*\*\* Early Production

Note the photographs in this folder. Some trees begin bearing in the nursery. They continue to bear and increase the yield from year to year.

For several years we have given special attention to the growing of Chestnut trees. We grow Chinese Blight-Resistant trees only and have one quality to offer you—the finest that can be grown. We have natural Chestnut soil, free from diseases and never before used for nursery purposes. We plant seed nuts by the ton and grow more of these trees than any other nurserymen we know of. Having a large number of trees to select from, we are able to ship you stock that is most certain to please you. There is three-star value in every tree we sell.



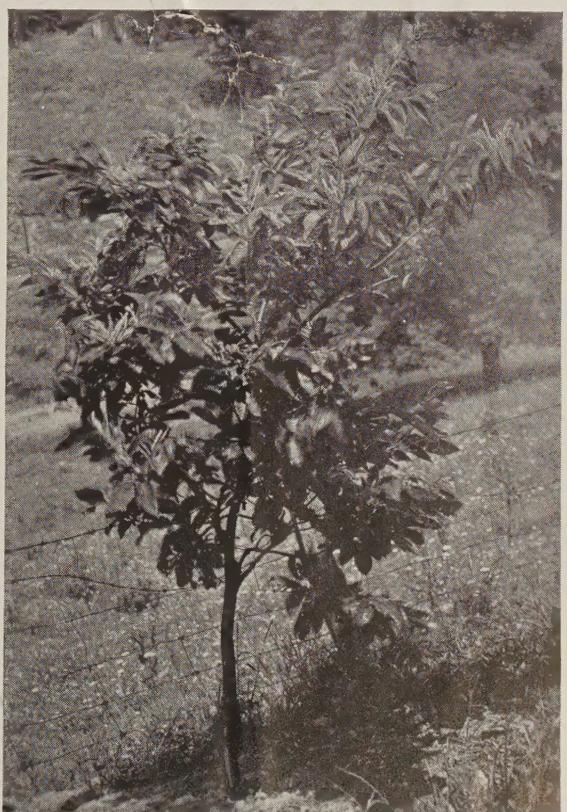
The above photograph shows two-year-old trees in our nursery



Thousands of trees in rows by the mile

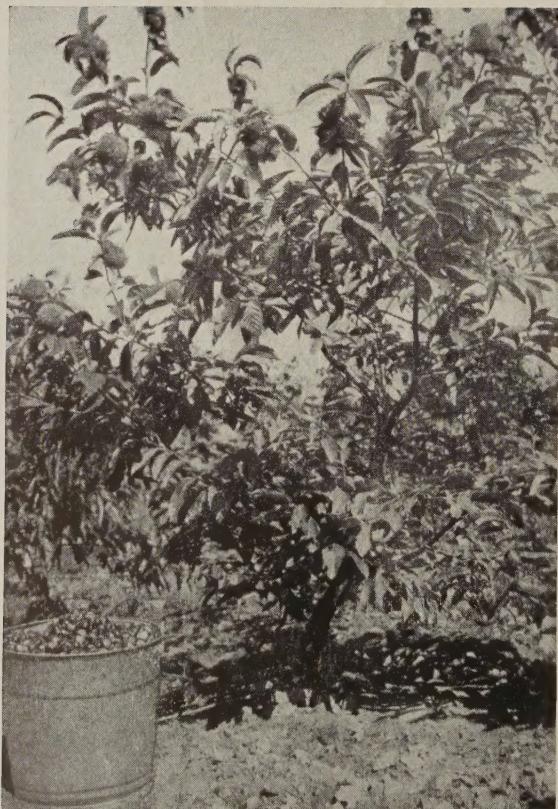
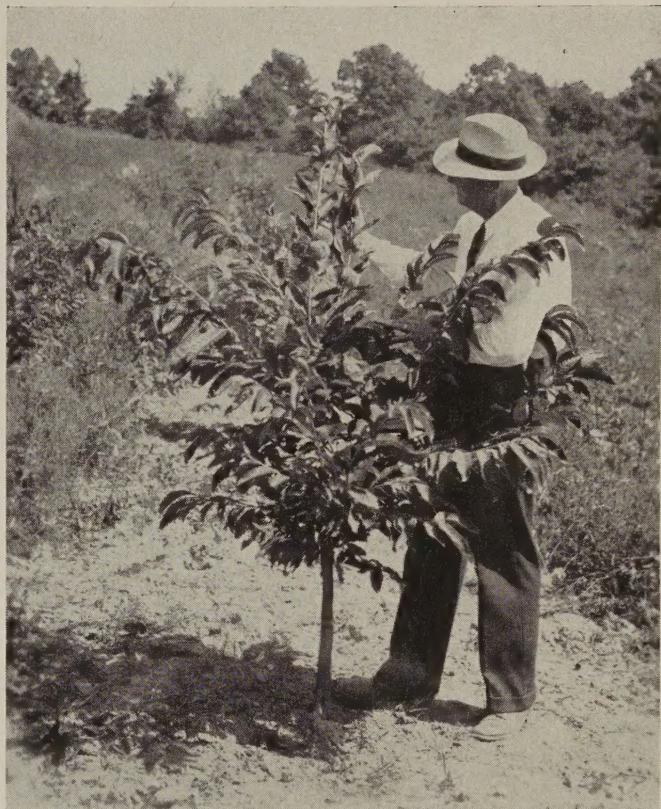


The above photograph shows a tree in our nursery making its second year's growth, setting ten burs and maturing thirty nuts.



The above tree, making its fourth year's growth, withstood 22 degrees below zero. Photographed the following spring, so full of blossoms there is no room for more.

This tree is in our test orchard, making its third year's growth, maturing three burs. Be the first to have these sensational treasures imported from China, that give us renewed Chestnut production after the loss of our trees by the blight. Why wait six to ten years for other nuts when you can have these choice delicacies in half the time or less? Chinese Chestnuts have been thoroughly tested and found to thrive in almost any soil that is well drained and fully exposed to the sun. We unhesitatingly recommend them to you.



This photograph shows a six-year-old Chinese Chestnut tree at harvest time—evidence of our good stock and early production. We have in our files letters from several planters, one in particular from which we quote:

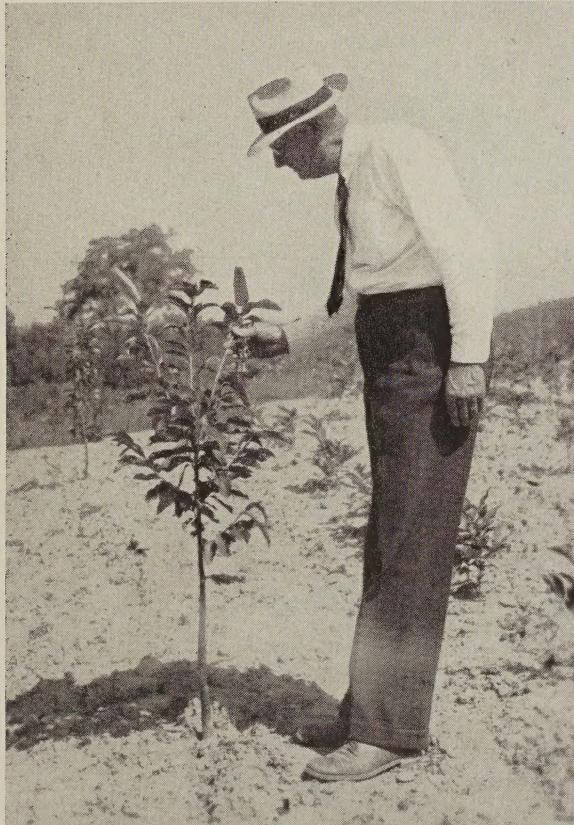
“Five-year-old trees having been given good care and attention have produced a gallon of Chestnuts. Trees in bearing 10 to 12 years have produced 4 bushels.”

Not only will these sturdy trees produce crops of large, sweet, delicious, full-flavored Chestnuts within three to four years, but they rapidly develop into lovely shade trees to grace any home ground.





Many people think that Chestnut trees have to be several years old or fully grown before bearing nuts. Look at this little tree on the right. It is making its third year's growth and is maturing twenty burs that will contain probably a pound of nuts.



The photograph at left is that of a promising young seedling setting one bur while making its second year's growth. It was planted in our test orchard when one year old, being a straight whip about 30 inches high. These two photographs prove that Chinese Blight-Resistant Chestnut trees will produce nuts while very young. Our stock frequently produces nuts in the nursery row, and when transplanted to the orchard the trees commence bearing as soon as they become well established.



Chestnuts from Chinese Blight-Resistant trees, actual size